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1. SUMMARY: MISSION SCIENCE OFFICERS MET WITH SECRETARIAT
(GASSMANN, PIPE, RYAN, FRANK) AND AUSTRIAN SCICOUNSELOR
JILLY TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF INTEREST TO US IN PREPARATION
OF SYMPOSIUM. ADVANCE COPIES OF PRELIMINARY
PROGRAM HAVE BEEN AIRPOUCHED TO DEPARTMENT (CRAWFORD/OES)
MISSION FEELS SYMPOSIUM IS NOW BEING STRUCTURED IN A
MANNER THAT WILL PROVIDE EXCELLENT BACKGROUND MATERIAL
AS A PRELUDE TO POLICY DECISIONS ON FOLLOW-UP ACTION TO
BE TAKEN IN OR RECOMMENDED BY OECD. END SUMMARY.

2. SYMPOSIUM NOW SCHEDULED FOR SEP 20-23, WITH A BREAK ON
MORNING OF SEPT 22. ABOUT 200 PARTICIPANTS EXPECTED, BUT
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MISSION'S ESTIMATE IS NEARER 300. US CEILING NOMI-
NALLY AT 15, BUT SECRETARIAT UNOFFICIALLY HAS RAISED THIS
TO 20. OFFICIAL LETTER OF INVITATION WILL LEAVE OECD
BEFORE EASTER.

3. OPENING SESSION SEP 20 MORNING. THE OVERALL TITLE OF
THE SYMPOSIUM WILL BE "TRANSBORDER DATA FLOW AND PROTEC-

TION OF PRIVACY - TRENDS AND IMPACTS". A MEMBER OF THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT WILL MAKE THE WELCOMING SPEECH, WITH A REPLY BY THE SEC GEN (OR HIS DESIGNATE). INTRODUCTORY ADDRESSES WILL BE (A) "DATA PROTECTION DEVELOPMENT IN OECD COUNTRIES : PROBLEMS AND PROMISE" (GIVEN BY KALLNER, SWEDISH CHAIRMAN OF THE OECD DATA BANK PANEL) (B) "LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS RESULTING FROM TRANSBORDER DATA MOVEMENTS" (PROBABLY BY WELL-KNOWN GERMAN AUTHORITY, SPECIALIST IN PRIVACY OF INFORMATION PROBLEMS).

4. SEP 20 AFTERNOON SESSION. THE CORE PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION OF "TRANSBORDER DATA FLOW : SURVEY OF ISSUES AND TRENDS". WILL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY. THIS OVERALL THEME WILL BE BROKEN DOWN INTO SIX SUB-THEMES, DEALING WITH : A. MANUFACTURING, INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL USERS, B. TRANSPORTATION AND TRAVEL, C. FINANCE, BANKING AND INSURANCE, D. PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, E. SERVICE BUREAUS AND DATA COMMUNICATIONS, F. INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION SERVICES. SCHEDULING IS AS FOLLOWS : SEP 20 AFTERNOON. A AND B. SEP 21 MORNING (AND D. SEP 21 AFTERNOON E AND F. SEP 22 MORNING FREE. SEP 22 AFTERNOON STATEMENTS BY COUNCIL OF EUROPE, EEC, ITU, AND BY BIAC, TUAC AND A CIVIL RIGHTS SPOKESMAN OR ORGANISATION. SEP 23 MORNING PANEL DISCUSSION ON "TRANSBORDER DATA PROTECTION AND THE PRINCIPLE OF FREE AND CONTINUOUS FLOW OF INFORMATION". SEP 23 AFTERNOON CONCLUDING REMARKS, PRESS CONFERENCE, MEETING OF OECD DATA BANK PANEL.

5. THE CENTRAL STRUCTURE OF THE SYMPOSIUM WILL BE (A) 8 UNCLASSIFIED

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MAJOR PRESENTATIONS OF 15-20 MINUTES EACH, WITH LIMITED DISCUSSION, (B) THE SAME NUMBER OF SHORTER PRESENTATIONS, AGAIN WITH LIMITED DISCUSSION. THIS WILL ALLOW A LARGE NUMBER OF INTERVENTIONS FROM THE FLOOR, EITHER AS SHORT, PREPARED STATEMENTS RELEVANT TO THE SUB-THEME, OR AS EX-TEMPORE COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS. (THE SECRETARIAT IS NOW WORKING ON THE FINER DETAILS OF THE SYMPOSIUM FORMAT, TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE DATA BANK PANEL MEETING, MAY 10-12).

6. THE PRESENT PLAN IS THAT ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL BE INVITED TO SUBMIT PAPERS (ACCOMPANIED BY ABSTRACTS), TO FORM PART OF THE PROCEEDINGS, WITH ATTRIBUTION IF DESIRED. ONLY THE ABSTRACTS, HOWEVER, WILL BE TRANSLATED FOR THE SYMPOSIUM (ENGLISH AND FRENCH). IN ADDITIONS, MEMBER-COUNTRIES MAY SUBMIT PAPERS OVER AND ABOVE THOSE SUBMITTED OR PRESENTED BY PARTICIPANTS. THE SECRETARIAT'S AIM HERE - LARGELY IN RESPONSE TO PRESSURE BY THE US - IS TO OBTAIN MAXIMUM COVERAGE OF BACKGROUND FACTUAL INFORMATION, WITH REACTIONS TO KNOWN OR ANTICIPATED DATA-FLOW

SITUATIONS BY A BROAD SPECTRUM OF THOSE CONCERNED.

7. WITH RESPECT TO THE MAJOR AND SHORTER PRESENTATIONS, THE US IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR TWO OF EACH, POSSIBLY THREE, TIME PERMITTING. THERE IS A STRONG SUGGESTION BY THE SECRETARIAT THAT THE US COVER AN AREA IN A AND E IN ITS MAJOR PRESENTATIONS. FOR INSTANCE, A US DOMESTIC ASSOCIATION OF MANUFACTURERS WITH EXTENSIVE INTERNATIONAL RAMIFICATIONS FOR A (AUTOMOBILES, FOOD PRODUCTS), AND A CARRIER OR SERVICE BUREAU FOR E (OR BOTH - E.G. ITT, GENERAL ELECTRIC INFO SYSTEMS). US PARTICIPANTS, HOWEVER, SHOULD BE PREPARED TO COVER AMONG THEM THE TOTALITY OF THE SUB-THEMES, AND TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FINAL PANEL DISCUSSION ON DATA PROTECTION AND CONTINUOUS FLOW OF INFORMATION. DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS REQUESTED.

8. DATES APRIL 5-7. OFFICIAL LETTER OF INVITATION WITH
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PRELIMINARY PROGRAM. MAY 2 : DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT BY SECRETARIAT OF LISTS OF PROPOSED PRESENTATIONS. MAY 10 : SYMPOSIUM STEERING GROUP. MAY 11-12 : DATA BANK PANEL. JUNE 1 : DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS. SEP 20-23 : SYMPOSIUM.
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